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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Ex Parte Presentation in CC Dockets 96-45, 96-98, 99-68 and 01-92

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Wednesday, January 26, 2005, John Jones of CenturyTel, Inc. and I met with Jennifer Manner and Jessica Rosenworcel, and I met on CenturyTel's behalf with Commissioner Adelstein, Barry Ohlson and Scott Bergmann later the same day, concerning issues raised in the above-captioned proceedings. Specifically, we made the points noted in the enclosed materials concerning the proper treatment of "virtual NXX" traffic (CC Dockets 96-98, 99-68 and 01-92); a copy of the enclosed materials was left behind in these meetings. In addition, we reiterated points raised in CenturyTel's prior FCC filings concerning the lawfulness of wireless termination tariffs and CenturyTel's willingness to negotiate interconnection agreements with CMRS carriers (CC Docket 01-92). Finally, we touched upon the arguments raised in CenturyTel's prior FCC filings in CC Docket 96-45 concerning appropriate FCC standards for designation of competitive eligible telecommunications carriers pursuant to Section 214(e) of the Communications Act. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

Karen Brinkmann

Enclosure

cc: Honorable Jonathan S. Adelstein, Commissioner
Barry Ohlson, Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner Adelstein
Scott Bergmann, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Adelstein
Jessica Rosenworcel, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Copps
Jennifer Manner, Senior Counsel to Commissioner Abernathy